

Weather Event Simulator Case Study

Originating Office : WFO TULSA
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Weather Event : Severe Weather - Wind/Hail/Tornado

Learning Objectives : This is a significant tornado event. The objective is to let the trainee experience the warning process and learn when to warn and when not to warn.

Available Data : kinx/ksrx all AWIPS radar data.
: surface metar/lighting/msas.
: limited CONUS IR satellite imagery.
: Only Eta and LAPS gridded output.

Time Period of Data : 2300 UTC Nov 23 to 0400 UTC Nov 24, 2001.

Type of Simulation : Virtual Reality Simulation -- Guided.

Completion Time : One hours (Part 1); four hours (Part 2)

Additional Materials : Electronic (WordPerfect) copy of Simulation Guide on the CD-ROM.
: Text warnings/statements/LSRs from WFO Tulsa and SWOMCDs from SPC.
: The CD-ROM also contains hazardous weather outlook graphics and text, local maps for reference and an HTML document with storm survey pictures.

Installation : Use the CaseInstaller.tcl script to install the case specifying one (1) DVD-ROM, the appropriate directory (e.g., /data/awips) on the appropriate hard drive (e.g., /dev/sdb1). The case directory will be called 2001Nov23.

Special Instructions : This case includes localization for WES version 4.0. Please “cd” to the 2001Nov23/localizationDataSets subdirectory and extract (zcat {filename} | tar -xvf -) the localization.
: Not all data are available at all resolutions.
: A log of telephone and amateur radio spotter reports is included in the Simulation Guide for use by the training officer during the simulation.
: Trainees should not become myopic to the area east of FSM.